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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR HEARINGS BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ON "US PARTICIPATION IN
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS"

1. AS WE CONTINUE TO PREPARE FOR THE HEARINGS BY THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS ON "US PARTICI-
PATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS", IT BECOMES IN-
CREASINGLY APPARENT THAT CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS WILL BE
LAID ON THE "BIG 4" AGENCIES--FAO, ILO, UNESCO, AND WHO.
MOREOVER, ATTENTION WILL BE PAID TO THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR
MEMBERSHIP, THE BENEFITS WE DERIVE FROM OUR PARTICIPATION,
AND THE ASSESSMENT OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM
EFFECTIVENESS.

2. EACH OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAS UNDERGONE SIGNIFICANT
CHANGES SINCE ITS ESTABLISHMENT. EVERYONE KNOWS THIS IN
A GENERAL WAY, AND YOU KNOW IT FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION IN
CONSIDERABLE DETAIL. BUT THERE IS STILL A TENDENCY, VERY
APPARENT IN THE RIBICOFF REPORT, TO GLOSS OVER THESE
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CHANGES AND TO EVALUATE THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN A FRAMEWORK
OF OLD ASSUMPTIONS, SOME OF WHICH ARE ALMOST CERTAINLY NO
LONGER VALID.

3. WE NEED FROM YOU SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ANALYZING THE
MAJOR CHANGES IN FAO SINCE ITS INCEPTION. WE DO NOT NEED

A HISTORY OF THE ORGANIZATION BUT SOMETHING AKIN TO A BEFORE AND AFTER SKETCH: HOW THE UNDERLYING RATIONALE FOR FAO HAS CHANGED; HOW PRIORITIES, AS REVEALED BY WORK PROGRAMS AND ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, HAVE CHANGED; HOW SOURCES AND VOLUME OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT HAVE CHANGED; AND HOW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND THE MODUS OPERANDI OF THE ORGANIZATION HAVE CHANGED.

4. WE HAVE ASKED THE AGENCY DIRECTORATE HERE IN IO TO DO ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING, BUT WE ALSO VALUE YOUR PERSPECTIVE. TO BE MOST HELPFUL AND TIMELY, YOUR CONTRIBUTION SHOULD REACH US BY MAY 23. CHRISTOPHER

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